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## RISE OF THE HEIRARCHY IN THE UNITED STATES

### VI. THE PROVINCE OF CINCINNATI (1821-1850)

"The first shrine of Catholicity within the limits of the present State of Ohio was the missionary chapel, erected about the year 1751, by the Jesuit Father Armand de la Richardie, at Ootsandooskie (*where the water is pure*), the Sandusky of more recent days. As a dependence on the Huron mission near Detroit it was maintained till hostilities between France and England increased and the missionary was driven away by chiefs in the British interest."<sup>1</sup>

When the Diocese of Bardstown was erected, in 1808, Ohio and the Northwest Territory were placed under the charge of Bishop Flaget. He made a visitation in Ohio and appealed to the Dominicans to establish themselves there, which they did. Pope Pius VIII erected the Diocese of Cincinnati, June 19, 1821, assigning the State of Ohio as its territory. At the same time the care of the Northwest Territory was transferred to the new bishop. The Diocese has long outgrown these small beginnings, and in 1916 it has 368 priests, 214 churches and 78 chapels and stations, with a Catholic population of about 200,000. Successive divisions have reduced the territory of the Diocese and it now occupies the southwestern part of Ohio, with an area of 12,043 square miles, and there are in the State three other Dioceses, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo. The Province of Cincinnati was erected, July 19, 1850, by Pope Pius IX, with Louisville, Detroit, Vincennes and Cleveland as Suffragans. At present there are ten Suffragan Sees and the Province includes the States of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Lower Michigan.

#### 1. CINCINNATI (1821)

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. Edward Fenwick, O.P., born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, August 19, 1768, and ordained in Belgium in 1793. He was consecrated, January 13, 1822, and died, September 26, 1832.

2. The second bishop and first Archbishop was the Most Rev. John Baptist Purcell, born in County Cork, Ireland, February 26, 1800, and ordained, May 21, 1826. He was consecrated, October 13, 1833, became Archbishop, July 19, 1850, and died, July 4, 1883.

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<sup>1</sup> SHEA, *o. c.*, Vol. iii, p. 330.

3. The Most Rev. **William Henry Elder**, born at Baltimore, March 22, 1819, and ordained at Rome, March 29, 1846, was consecrated Bishop of Natchez, May 3, 1857. He was made titular Bishop of Avara and Coadjutor to Archbishop Purcell, January 30, 1880, and became Archbishop of Cincinnati, July 4, 1883. He died, October 31, 1904.

4. The present Archbishop is the Most Rev. **Henry Moeller**, born at Cincinnati, January 2, 1845, and ordained at Rome, June 10, 1876. He was consecrated Bishop of Columbus, August 25, 1900, and was made titular Archbishop of Areopolis and Coadjutor of Archbishop Elder, April 27, 1903. He became Archbishop of Cincinnati, October 31, 1904.

## 2. BARDSTOWN-LOUISVILLE (1808-1841)

In the first division of the Diocese of Baltimore, April 8, 1808, Pope Pius VII erected the Diocese of Bardstown that is, as the bull of erection says, "the town or city of Bardstown and thereto we assign as a Diocese the States of Kentucky and Tennessee, and until otherwise provided by this Apostolic See, the territories lying northwest of the Ohio, and extending to the Great Lakes and which lie between them and the Diocese of Canada and extending along them to the boundaries of Pennsylvania."<sup>2</sup> Bardstown was therefore the mother Diocese of the Province of Cincinnati. Kentucky was settled largely by families from Maryland, many of whom were Catholics, and priests from time to time followed them into the wilderness, but it was not until Bishop Carroll sent the Rev. Stephen T. Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States, to Kentucky, that any real beginning was made for the Church. The Diocese of Louisville today has 188 priests, 163 churches and 34 chapels with a Catholic population of 111,371, and we must remember that it now occupies only a little more than half of the State of Kentucky with an area of 22,714 square miles.

1. The first Bishop of Bardstown was the Right Rev. **Benedict Joseph Flaget**, born November 7, 1763. "He was consecrated in St. Patrick's Church, Baltimore, November 4, 1810, by Archbishop Carroll, assisted by Bishop Cheverus of Boston and Bishop Egan of Philadelphia."<sup>3</sup> Bishop Flaget during his long episcopate had three Coadjutors. The first was the Right Rev. John Baptist David, appointed titular Bishop of Mauricastro, July 4, 1817, and consecrated, August 15, 1819. In 1832, the Holy See accepted the resignation of Bishop Flaget, and

2. The Right Rev. **John B. David**, born in France, January 4, 1761, and ordained, at Paris, September 24, 1785, became the second Bishop of Bardstown.

<sup>2</sup> SHEA, *o. c.*, Vol. ii, p. 622.

<sup>3</sup> SHEA, *o. c.*, Vol. iii, p. 266.

"These changes," says Archbishop Spalding, in his *Life of Bishop Flaget*, "caused general dissatisfaction among both the clergy and laity of Kentucky. The former Coadjutor loudly protested against his unexpected promotion and the whole Diocese was seized with grief at the apprehended loss of a Bishop so universally esteemed and loved."<sup>4</sup> In May, 1833, Bishop David's resignation was accepted and

3. The Right Rev. **B. J. Flaget** was reappointed, becoming the third Bishop of Bardstown. Bishop David died, July 12, 1841.

Bishop Flaget's second Coadjutor was the Right Rev. Guy Ignatius Chabrat, who was consecrated titular Bishop of Bolina, July 20, 1834. He was born in France, December 28, 1787, came to the United States in 1810 and was ordained, December 25, 1811. He resigned in 1847 and retired to France, became totally blind, and died, November 21, 1868, in his eighty-second year.

In 1841 the See of Bardstown was transferred by the Holy See to Louisville.

Bishop Flaget's third Coadjutor was the Right Rev. Martin John Spalding, who was consecrated titular Bishop of Lengone, September 10, 1848. Bishop Flaget died, February 11, 1850, in the eighty-seventh year of his age, and the

4. Right Rev. **Martin John Spalding**, born in Kentucky, May 23, 1810, and ordained at Rome, August 13, 1834, became the fourth Bishop of Louisville. He was promoted to the Archbishopric of Baltimore, June 11, 1864, and died, February 7, 1872.

5. The fifth bishop was the Right Rev. **Peter Joseph Lavialle**, born in France, July 15, 1819, and ordained at Louisville, February 2, 1844. He was consecrated, September 24, 1865, and died, May 11, 1867.

6. The Right Rev. **William George McCloskey**, born November 10, 1823, was ordained, October 4, 1852. December 8, 1859, he became the first Rector of the American College in Rome. He was appointed Bishop of Louisville, March 3, 1868, was consecrated at Rome, May 24, 1868, governed the Diocese forty-one years and died, September 17, 1909.

8. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Denis O'Donaghue**, born in Indiana, November 30, 1848, and ordained, September 6, 1874. He was appointed titular Bishop of Pomario and Auxiliary of Indianapolis, February 10, 1900, and was consecrated, April 25, 1900. He was translated to Louisville, February 7, 1910.

### 3. DETROIT (1833)

To the martyr, Father Isaac Jogues, and to his fellow Jesuit, Father Charles Raynbaut, belongs the honor of planting the cross in Michigan, when in 1642 they began their mission to the Chippewas of Sault Ste Marie. Fort St. Joseph was established at Detroit in 1688 and developed into a post inhabited by a number of Canadian families. In 1701, the Church of St. Anne served by the Franciscan Recollects was dedicated. In this

<sup>4</sup> Quoted by SHEA, *o. c.*, Vol. iii, p. 601.

mother parish of the Northwest are preserved an unbroken series of parish records, the present Church being the sixth of the name in the line of succession. Detroit passed with the rest of Canada under English domination which lasted until 1796 when it was ceded to the United States. Bishop Carroll then assumed jurisdiction and the Bishop of Quebec recalled his priests from Michigan. The most celebrated of the American missionaries was the Rev. Gabriel Richard, who was still in charge when the Diocese of Cincinnati was established in 1821, and who rendered an account of the missions to Bishop Fenwick on the occasion of his first visitation, in 1822. Michigan was a part of the Diocese of Bardstown from 1808, and afterwards of Cincinnati from 1821, until the erection of the Diocese of Detroit, March 8, 1833, by Pope Gregory XVI, as a Suffragan of Baltimore. It passed to the Province of Cincinnati in 1850. It originally embraced the State of Michigan and Northwest Territory. It at present occupies the southern part of Lower Michigan, with an area of 18,558 square miles, and has 310 priests, 223 churches and stations, and a Catholic population of 360,000.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Frederick Résé**, born in Hanover, February 6, 1791. He was ordained at the Propaganda in Rome, on Trinity Sunday, 1822, and is said to have served the first Mass of Pius IX. He was consecrated Bishop of Detroit, October 6, 1833. Ill health soon impaired his energies. He lost his mind, and in that state lived until December 29, 1871. He was the first bishop of German birth in the United States.<sup>5</sup>

2. In 1841, the Holy See appointed the Right Rev. **Peter Paul Lefevre** titular Bishop of Zela, Coadjutor and Administrator of the Diocese of Detroit. He was born in Belgium, April 30, 1804, was ordained, July 17, 1831, and consecrated, November 21, 1841. He died, March 4, 1869. He was never actually Bishop of Detroit.

3. The Right Rev. **Caspar Henry Borgess**, born in Hanover, August 1, 1824, and ordained, December 8, 1847, was appointed Coadjutor and Administrator and was consecrated titular Bishop of Calydon, April 24, 1870. On the death of Bishop Résé, December 29, 1871, he became the second Bishop of Detroit. He resigned, April 16, 1887, and died, May 3, 1890.

4. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **John Samuel Foley**, born at Baltimore, November 5, 1833, ordained at Rome, December 20, 1856, appointed Bishop of Detroit, December 12, 1889, and consecrated, November 4, 1888.

The Right Rev. **Edward D. Kelly**, born in 1860, appointed, December 1, 1910, titular Bishop of Cestro and consecrated, January 26, 1911, is Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit.

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<sup>5</sup> REUSS, *Biog. Encyc.*, p. 93.

## 4. VINCENNES-INDIANAPOLIS (1834-1898)

"Bishop Flaget had long urged the erection of an Episcopal See at Vincennes and his desire was gratified, when on the sixth of May, 1834, Pope Gregory XVI established the Diocese of Vincennes, embracing the State of Indiana and the eastern part of Illinois, the rest of that State being formally attached to the Diocese of St. Louis."<sup>6</sup> By a Brief dated March 28, 1898, Pope Leo XIII transferred the See to Indianapolis. At present the Diocese comprises the southern half of Indiana, with an area of 18,479 square miles, and has 246 priests, 193 churches, 33 stations and chapels, and a Catholic population of 128,741.

1. The first Bishop of Vincennes was the Right Rev. **Simon Gabriel Bruté**, ". . . one of the most learned and saintly priests in the United States. He was born at Rennes, in France, March 20, 1779, became a Sulpician and was ordained, June 10, 1808. He came to America in 1810 and taught at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore and Mount St. Mary's, which latter institution owed to him much of its success and influence."<sup>7</sup> He was consecrated, October 28, 1834 and died, June 26, 1834, in the fifty-sixth year of his age.

2. The second bishop, the Right Rev. **Celestine De La Hailandière**, had already been appointed Coadjutor of Bishop Bruté, who died before his consecration. He was born at Cambourg, France, May 2, 1798, and was ordained at Paris, May 28, 1825. He came to America with Bishop Bruté in 1836. He was consecrated Bishop of Vincennes, August 18, 1839. He resigned, July 16, 1847, and returned to France where he died, May 1, 1882, aged 84.

3. His successor was the Right Rev. **John Stephen Bazin**, born near Lyons, France, October 15, 1796. He was ordained, July 22, 1822, came to America in 1830, was consecrated, October 24, 1847, and died six months later, April 23, 1848.

4. The fourth bishop was the Right Rev. **Maurice De St. Palais**, born in France, November 15, 1811 and ordained, May 28, 1836. He was consecrated, January 14, 1849, and died, June 28, 1877.

5. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Francis Silas Chatard**, born at Baltimore, December 13, 1834, and ordained at Rome, June 14, 1862. He was the second Rector of the American College, in Rome, when he was made the fifth bishop of Vincennes. He was consecrated, May 12, 1878, and became Bishop of Indianapolis, March 28, 1898.

The Right Rev. Denis O'Donaghue was made Auxiliary in 1900. He was transferred to Louisville in 1910.

The Right Rev. Joseph Chartrand, born at St. Louis, Mo., May 11, 1870, and ordained, September 24, 1892, was appointed Coadjutor, July 27, 1910, and was consecrated titular Bishop of Flavia, September 15, 1910.

<sup>6</sup> SHEA, *o. c.*, Vol. iii, p. 605.

<sup>7</sup> *Ibid*, p. 640.

## 5. NASHVILLE (1837)

The State of Tennessee was detached from the Diocese of Bardstown and erected into the Diocese of Nashville by Pope Gregory XVI, July 28, 1837, as a Suffragan of Baltimore. In 1847 it was made Suffragan to St. Louis and was transferred in 1880 to the Province of Cincinnati. It has an area of 41,750 square miles. In 1916, it has 54 priests, 58 churches, 143 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of about 19,000.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Richard Pius Miles**, a Dominican, born in Prince George's County, Maryland, May 17, 1791. He was ordained in 1816, and was consecrated Bishop of Nashville, September 16, 1838. He died, February 21, 1860.

2. The Right Rev. **James Whelan**, also a Dominican, born at Kilkenny in Ireland, December 8, 1823, and ordained, August 2, 1846, was chosen Coadjutor to Bishop Miles and was consecrated titular Bishop of Marcopolis, May 8, 1859. He became Bishop of Nashville, February 21, 1860. He resigned in 1864 and died at Zanesville, Ohio, February 18, 1878.

3. The third Bishop of Nashville was the Right Rev. **Patrick A. Feehan**, born in Ireland, August 29, 1829, and ordained, November 1, 1852. He was consecrated Bishop of Nashville, November 1, 1865, became Archbishop of Chicago in 1880 and died, July 12, 1902.

4. The Right Rev. **Joseph Rademacher**, born in Michigan, December 3, 1840, and ordained, August 2, 1863, was consecrated fourth Bishop of Nashville, June 24, 1883. He was transferred to Fort Wayne, July 13, 1893, and died, January 12, 1900.

5. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Thomas Sebastian Byrne**, born at Hamilton, Ohio, July 29, 1841, and ordained, May 22, 1869. He was appointed fifth Bishop of Nashville, May 10, 1894, and was consecrated, July 25, 1894.

## 6. CLEVELAND (1847)

As constituted by the bull erecting it, April 23, 1847, the Diocese of Cleveland embraced about one-third of the State of Ohio, the northern part. It now comprises the northeastern part of the State, since the erection of the Diocese of Toledo in 1910. Its area is 8,034 square miles and it has 369 priests, 221 churches, and a Catholic population of 400,000.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Amadeus Rappe**, born in France, February 2, 1801. He was ordained, March 14, 1829, came to America in 1840 and was consecrated Bishop of Cleveland, October 10, 1847. He resigned, August 22, 1870, and died, September 8, 1877.

2. The second bishop was the Right Rev. **Richard Gilmour**, born at Glasgow, Scotland, September 28, 1824, and ordained at Cincinnati, August 30, 1852. He was consecrated, April 14, 1872, and died, April 13, 1891.

3. The Right Rev. **Ignatius F. Horstmann**, born at Philadelphia, December 16, 1840, and ordained at Rome, June 10, 1865, was consecrated Bishop of Cleveland, February 25, 1892. He died, May 13, 1908.

He had as Auxiliary Bishop the Right Rev. Joseph M. Koudelka, consecrated titular Bishop of Germanicopolis, February 25, 1908, who was later made Auxiliary of Milwaukee, and is now Bishop of Superior, Wis., to which he was appointed, August 6, 1913.

5. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **John P. Farrelly**, born at Memphis, Tenn., March 15, 1856, and ordained, May 22, 1880. He was appointed Bishop of Cleveland, March 18, 1909, and was consecrated, May 1, 1909.

#### 7. COVINGTON (1853)

Pope Pius IX erected the Diocese of Covington, July 29, 1853, detaching the eastern part of the State of Kentucky from the Diocese of Bardstown. It still retains the same territory of 17,286 square miles. It has, in 1916, 89 priests, 84 churches, 58 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 60,500.

1. The first Bishop of Covington, the Right Rev. **George Aloysius Carrell, S. J.**, born at Philadelphia, June 13, 1803, was ordained, December 20, 1827, and became a Jesuit, August 19, 1835. He was consecrated, November 1, 1853, and died, September 25, 1868.

2. The Right Rev. **Augustus Maria Toebe**, born in Hanover, January 15, 1829, and ordained at Cincinnati, September 14, 1854, was consecrated, January 9, 1870, and died, May 2, 1884.

3. The Right Rev. **Camillus Paul Maes**, born at Courtrai, Belgium, March 13, 1846, was appointed Bishop of Covington, October 1, 1884, and was consecrated, January 25, 1885. He died, May 10, 1915.

4. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Ferdinand Brossart**, born at Buechelberg, Rhenish Bavaria, October 19, 1849, and ordained, September 1, 1872. He was appointed Bishop of Covington, December 9, 1915, and was consecrated, January 25, 1916.

#### 8. FORT WAYNE (1857)

The Diocese of Fort Wayne was erected by Pope Pius IX September 22, 1857. It embraces the northern half of the State of Indiana and was detached from the Diocese of Vincennes. It has an area of 17,431 square miles. It has, in 1916, 250 priests, 164 churches, 58 chapels and stations and a Catholic population of 120,685.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **John Henry Luers**, born in Westphalia, September 29, 1819, and ordained, November 11, 1846. He was consecrated Bishop of Fort Wayne, January 10, 1858, and died, June 29, 1871.



2. The Right Rev. **Joseph Dwenger** was born near Minster, Ohio, June 1, 1837, and was ordained, September 4, 1859. He was a member of the Congregation of the Precious Blood. He was consecrated, April 14, 1872, and died, January 22, 1893.

3. The Right Rev. **Joseph Rademacher**, born in Michigan, December 3, 1840, and ordained, August 2, 1863, was consecrated Bishop of Nashville, June 24, 1883. He was translated to Fort Wayne, July 14, 1893, and died, January 12, 1900.

4. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Herman Joseph Alerding**, born, August 13, 1846, in Germany and ordained, September 22, 1868. He was appointed fourth Bishop of Fort Wayne, August 30, 1900, and was consecrated, November 30, 1900.

#### 9. COLUMBUS (1868)

The Diocese of Columbus was erected March 3, 1868. It comprises twenty-eight counties in the southeastern part of Ohio, with an area of 13,685 square miles, which were formerly a part of the Diocese of Cincinnati. It has 170 priests, 134 churches, 41 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 101,179.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Sylvester Horton Rosecrans**, born in Ohio, February 5, 1827. His parents were not Catholics, but he was received into the Church in 1845, whilst still a student. He was ordained at Rome, July 16, 1852, and was consecrated titular Bishop of Pompeiopolis and made Auxiliary of Cincinnati on March 25, 1862. He was appointed Bishop of Columbus, March 3, 1868, and died, October 21, 1878.

2. The Right Rev. **John Ambrose Watterson** was President of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., when he was appointed second Bishop of Columbus. He was born, May 27, 1844, in Pennsylvania and was ordained, August 9, 1868. He was consecrated, August 8, 1880, and died, April 17, 1899.

3. The Right Rev. **Henry Moeller**, the present Archbishop of Cincinnati, was the third Bishop of Columbus. He was consecrated, August 25, 1900, and promoted, April 27, 1903.

4. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **James J. Hartley**, born at Columbus, June 26, 1858. He was appointed, December 23, 1903, and was consecrated, February 25, 1904.

#### 10. GRAND RAPIDS (1882)

The Diocese of Grand Rapids was erected by Pope Leo XIII, May 19, 1882. It comprises the northern part of the lower peninsula of the State of Michigan and the adjacent islands, with an area of 22,561 square miles, which were originally a part of the Diocese of Detroit. It has 161 priests, 212 churches, 52 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 140,000.

1. The first and present bishop is the Right Rev. **Henry Joseph Richter**, born in Oldenburg, Germany, April 9, 1838, and ordained at Rome, June 10, 1865. He was appointed Bishop of Grand Rapids, January 30, 1883, and was consecrated, April 22, 1883.

The Right Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, ordained March 19, 1893, was appointed titular Bishop of Tipasa, and Coadjutor of Grand Rapids, July 5, 1915, and was consecrated September 8, 1915.

## II. TOLEDO (1910)

The Diocese of Toledo was erected by Pope Pius X, April 15, 1910. It comprises the northwestern part of the State of Ohio and was formerly a part of the Diocese of Cleveland. It has an area of 6,969 square miles. It has 155 priests, 121 churches, 32 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 101,923.

1. The first and present bishop is the Right Rev. **Joseph Schrembs**, born at Ratisbonne, Germany, March 12, 1866, and ordained, June 29, 1889. He was appointed Auxiliary of Grand Rapids, January 8, 1911, and was consecrated, February 22, 1911. He was translated to Toledo, August 11, 1911.

## VII. THE PROVINCE OF SAN FRANCISCO (1840-1853)

The story of the Missions of California is one of the most glorious and at the same time one of the saddest episodes in the history of the Church in North America. It is also probably the least known. There is no longer any excuse for ignorance of the wonderful labors of the missionaries since the publication by the Rev. Zephyrin Englehardt, O.F.M., of his monumental work, *The Missions and Missionaries of California*. The scope of these articles forbids us to enter into details, which may be read now so easily in that interesting work.

Lower California was discovered by Cortez in 1533, upper California by Cabrillo in 1542. The Franciscan Missionaries followed almost immediately in the footsteps of the discoverers, but their first attempts do not appear to have been very successful. They were succeeded by the Jesuits who established eighteen missions between 1697 and, 1767 and after the suppression of the Society, these were taken over and administered by the Franciscans under the leadership of the renowned Father Junipero Serra. From about 1772 we find the Dominicans also laboring especially in Upper California.

California originally was included in the Mexican Diocese of

Durango<sup>8</sup> until 1779, when the Diocese of Sonora was erected. Owing however to the great distance and, perhaps, principally because the only whites were the Spanish officials and soldiers, the ecclesiastical government was left in the hands of the missionaries. In later years the Superior of the Mission was usually the Vicar Forane and sometimes Vicar General of the Bishop of Sonora. The greatest obstacle to the success of the Missionaries in their work among the Indians was, from the very beginning, the constant interference of the government officials which became worse each succeeding year as the number of white settlers increased. Finally after the revolt of Mexico from Spanish domination the ruin of the Missions was accomplished by their "Secularization" so called, which was in effect confiscation.<sup>9</sup> This took place about 1835, and, to prevent the total extinction of religion, the Mexican Government consented to the appointment of a Bishop, for which the missionaries had been for a long time pleading.

Pope Gregory XVI, therefore, at the instance of Mexico, erected the Diocese of the Californias by his Bull of April 27, 1840, as a Suffragan of the Archbishop of Mexico, and established San Diego as the Episcopal City. By another Bull of the same date, the Pope appointed as the first Bishop of the new See "Our beloved Son, Francisco Garcia Diego, professed member of the Order of St. Francis," who was consecrated at the celebrated Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, October 4, 1840.<sup>10</sup>

Bishop Garcia Diego died in 1846, just as the troubles arose between Mexico and the United States, which ended in war and the conquest of Texas and California. The Rev. Gonzalez Rubio, a Franciscan, governed the Diocese, as administrator, during these years of war and confusion until the appointment of a new Bishop, which did not take place until 1849, when the Holy See from a list of names proposed by the Bishops of the Seventh Provincial Council of Baltimore, chose the Rev. Charles Pius Montgomery, O.P., as the second Bishop of California. He declined the honor, however, and another Dominican, the

<sup>8</sup> ENGELHARDT, *o. c.*, Vol. i, p. 165.

<sup>9</sup> See details in ENGELHARDT, *o. c.*, Vols. iii and iv.

<sup>10</sup> ENGELHARDT *passim*, but especially Vol. iv, p. 194 *seq.*, where the documents are given in full. See the same also for the history of the Pious Fund from which the Bishop was to be supported. As a matter of fact, neither the Bishop nor the Missionaries ever got anything from the Fund after the Mexicans seized it.

Rev. Joseph Sadoc Alemany, who was in Rome at that time representing the American Province at the General Chapter of his Order, was chosen and his residence was fixed at Monterey, by which name the Diocese was henceforth known. He was consecrated at Rome, in the Church of San Carlo, by Cardinal Fransoni, Prefect of the Propaganda, June 30, 1850. When California became a part of the United States, the Mexican Government refused to permit an American Bishop to exercise any jurisdiction in Lower California. Pius IX therefore detached the Diocese of Monterey from the Province of Mexico confining its limits to the United States, and made it subject immediately to the Holy See. As such, the Bishop assisted, at the instance of the Holy See, at the First Plenary Council of Baltimore, May 8, 1852, and the first question proposed to the Council was: To what Province shall Monterey be attached? The Council suggested to the Holy See the establishment of the Province of San Francisco, which was erected July 29, 1853, with Monterey as Suffragan. The Province of San Francisco now includes the States of California, Nevada and Utah.

#### 1. SAN FRANCISCO (1853)

The Archdiocese when first erected included the whole northern part of California. It now comprises the Central part of the State, with an area of 16,856 square miles and has in 1916, 379 priests, 185 churches, 95 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of about 290,000.

1. The first Archbishop of San Francisco was the Most Rev. **Joseph Sadoc Alemany, O.P.** He was born in Spain, July 13, 1814, entered the Dominican Order in 1829, and was ordained, March 27, 1837. He was made Bishop of Monterey and was consecrated at Rome, by Cardinal Fransoni, June 30, 1850, and became Archbishop of San Francisco, July 29, 1853. He resigned after a long and successful Episcopate on December 28, 1884, and died at Valencia in Spain, April 14, 1888, aged 74 years.

2. The Most Rev. **Patrick William Riordan** was born, August 27, 1841, at Chatham, New Brunswick, and was ordained, June 10, 1865. He was appointed titular Archbishop of Cabasa and Coadjutor July 17, 1883, and was consecrated September 16, 1883, becoming Archbishop of San Francisco, December 28, 1884. He died, December 27, 1914.

The Most Rev. George Montgomery, consecrated Bishop of Monterey May 8, 1894, was named titular Archbishop and Coadjutor of San Francisco January, 1903. He died, January 10, 1907.

The Right Rev. Denis J. O'Connell, consecrated titular Bishop of Sebaste,

was appointed Auxiliary, December 24, 1908. He became Bishop of Richmond, January 19, 1912.

3. The Most Rev. **Edward J. Hanna**, born at Rochester, New York, July 21, 1860, was appointed titular Bishop of Titopolis and Auxiliary, October 22, 1912, and was consecrated, December 4, 1912. He was made Archbishop of San Francisco, June 1, 1915.

## 2. MONTEREY AND LOS ANGELES (1840-1850)

The Diocese of California and afterwards the Diocese of Monterey included both Lower and Upper California. Since the return of Lower California to Mexican jurisdiction and the erection of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, it comprises the southern part of the State. Since, 1859 it has been known as the diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles, this latter city being the residence of the Bishop.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Francis Garcia Diego Y. Moreno O.S.F.** He was born at Lagos, in the Mexican State of Jalisco, September 17, 1785, joined the Franciscans in 1803, and was ordained, November 13, 1808. He came to California as Prefect of the Missions in 1832, was appointed Bishop, April 27, 1840, was consecrated, October 4, 1840, and died, April 30, 1846.

2. After a long interval caused by political troubles of the times, the Most Rev. **Joseph Sadoc Alemany** was consecrated second Bishop of Monterey, June 30, 1850, and was transferred to San Francisco, July 29, 1853.

3. The third bishop was the Right Rev. **Thaddeus Amat**. He was born in Spain, December 31, 1811, entered the Lazarist Community and was ordained at Paris in 1838. He was consecrated at Rome, March 12, 1854, reached California in 1855, and died, May 12, 1878.

4. The Right Rev. **Francis Mora** also a Spaniard, was born on November 25, 1827. He accompanied Bishop Amat to California in 1855 and was ordained at Santa Barbara, March 19, 1856. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Mosynopolis, May 20, 1873, and Coadjutor. He resigned, February 1, 1896, and died, August 3, 1905, in Spain.

5. The Right Rev. **George Montgomery**, born in Kentucky, December 30, 1847, was ordained at Baltimore, December 20, 1879. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Tomi, April 8, 1894, and made Coadjutor to Bishop Mora. He became Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles, May 6, 1896. In 1903 he was made titular Archbishop of Osino and Coadjutor of San Francisco. He died, January 10, 1907.

6. The Right Rev. **Thomas James Conaty**, was born in Ireland, August 1, 1847, and was ordained, December 21, 1872. He was appointed Rector of the Catholic University, January 10, 1897, was made titular Bishop of Samos, July 16, 1901, and was consecrated, November 21, 1901. He became Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles, March 27, 1903. He died September 18, 1915.

### 3. GRASS VALLEY-SACRAMENTO (1861-1868-1886)

Pope Pius IX, in 1861, separated Nevada and the northern part of California from the Diocese of San Francisco and erected the Vicariate Apostolic of Marysville, which included also at first the territory of Utah. The Vicariate, March 29, 1868, became the Diocese of Grass Valley. Pope Leo XIII, May 16, 1886, changed the boundaries of the Diocese and the See was removed to Sacramento. It, at present, comprises 54,449 square miles in California and 38,162 in Nevada, a total of 92,611 square miles. It has, in 1916, 72 priests, 100 churches, 54 stations and a Catholic population of 50,000.

1. The Right Rev. **Eugene O'Connell**, born in Ireland, June, 1815, was made the Vicar Apostolic of Marysville. He was ordained at Maynooth, in June, 1842, and came to California in 1851. He returned to Ireland, and was a professor in All Hallows, when he was consecrated titular Bishop of Flaviopolis, February 3, 1861. He became the first Bishop of Grass Valley, March 29, 1868, resigned, March 17, 1884, being made titular Bishop of Joppa and died, December 4, 1891, aged 76 years.

2. The Right Rev. **Patrick Manogue** was born in Ireland, March 15, 1831, and was ordained, December 25, 1861. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Ceramos and Coadjutor, January 16, 1881, and became the second Bishop of Grass Valley, March 17, 1884. When Leo XIII changed the title of the Diocese he became the first Bishop of Sacramento, May 16, 1886. He died, February 27, 1895.

3. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Thomas Grace**, born in Ireland, August 2, 1841, and ordained, June 11, 1876. He was appointed, March 20, 1896, and was consecrated, June 16, 1896.

### 4. SALT LAKE (1886-1890)

Pope Leo XIII, in 1886, erected the Vicariate Apostolic of Utah comprising the whole of the State of that name and more than half of the State of Nevada, an immense territory of 153,768 square miles, 82,190 in Utah and 71,578 in Nevada. This now constitutes the Diocese of Salt Lake erected in 1890. It has, in 1916, 26 priests, 24 churches, 44 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of about 13,000.

1. The Right Rev. **Laurence Scanlan**, born in Ireland, September 29, 1843, was appointed Vicar Apostolic and titular Bishop of Laranda, January 25, 1887, and was consecrated, June 29, 1887. He became the first Bishop of Salt Lake, January 30, 1890. He died, May 10, 1915.

2. The present Bishop is the Right Rev. **Joseph Sarsfield Glass, C.M.**,

born in Illinois, March 13, 1874, and ordained August 15, 1897. He was appointed June 1, 1915, and was consecrated, August 24, 1915.

## VIII. THE PROVINCE OF BOSTON (1808-1875)

Pope Pius IX, July 12, 1875, created four new Ecclesiastical Provinces in the United States: Boston, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and Santa Fe. The Province of Boston embraces the New England States, which had belonged to the Province of Baltimore until 1850 and which, after that, had been included in the Province of New York. The original Suffragans were Hartford, Burlington, Portland, Springfield and Providence to which have been added Manchester, 1884, and Fall River, 1904. The Diocese of Boston was erected, April 8, 1808, and covered originally the whole of New Eng'and, which is now the extent of the Province. It now comprises the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk and Plymouth in the State of Massachusetts, certain towns being excepted, an area of 2,465 square miles.

The *Laity's Directory* of 1822 has the following to say of the Bishopric of Boston: "Boston contains at present two neat churches, viz., the Cathedral of the Holy Cross and St. Augustine's. This latter church has just been erected in South-Boston. There are in this Diocese four other Churches, viz., one in Salem, which is finished in a very superior style; one at New-Bedford, and two in the State of Maine, at Damascotti and at Whitefield."

In 1916 there are 777 priests, 282 churches and a Catholic population (Census of 1909) of 900,000.

### 1. BOSTON (1808)

1. The first Bishop of Boston was the Right Rev. **John Lefevre De Cheverus**, who was born at Mayenne, France, January 28, 1768. He was ordained, December 8, 1790, "this being the last ordination preceding the Revolution." He was imprisoned but escaped to England in 1792. "On the third of April 1796 he arrived in Boston, where he was received by M. Matignon as an angel sent from heaven to his aid." He was consecrated Bishop of Boston, November 1, 1810. In 1823, in answer to the appeals of the French King Louis XVIII, he returned to France and was appointed Bishop of Montauban. He was made Archbishop of Bordeaux, July 30, 1826, was made a Cardinal, February 1, 1836, and died, July 19, 1836, in his sixty-ninth year.

2. The second Bishop of Boston, the Right Rev. **Benedict Joseph Fenwick**, was born in St. Mary's County, Maryland, September 3, 1782. He entered the Society of Jesus upon its restoration and was ordained, March 12, 1808, at Georgetown College. He was consecrated, November 1, 1825, and died, August 11, 1846.

3. The Right Rev. **John Bernard Fitzpatrick** was born, at Boston, November 1, 1812, and was ordained, June 13, 1840. He was consecrated titular Bishop of Callipolis, March 24, 1844, and made Coadjutor. He became Bishop of Boston, August 11, 1846, and died, February 13, 1866.

4. The Most Rev. **John Joseph Williams**, fourth Bishop and first Archbishop, was born at Boston, April 27, 1822, and was ordained at Paris, May 17, 1845. He was consecrated Bishop of Boston, March 11, 1866, became Archbishop, February 12, 1875, and died, August 30, 1907. He had been appointed titular Bishop of Tripoli, and Coadjutor, but Bishop Fitzpatrick died before his consecration.

Archbishop Williams had as Auxiliary the Right Reverend John Brady consecrated titular Bishop of Alabanda, August 5, 1891. Bishop Brady was born in the County Cavan, Ireland, April 11, 1842, and was ordained at All Hallows, December 4, 1864. He died, January 6, 1910.

5. The present Archbishop of Boston is His Eminence **William Cardinal O'Connell**, who was born at Lowell, Massachusetts, December 8, 1859, and was ordained at Rome, June 8, 1884. He was made Bishop of Portland, and was consecrated, May 19, 1901. He was named titular Archbishop of Constantia, February 21, 1906, and Coadjutor and became Archbishop of Boston, August 30, 1907. He was created Cardinal Priest, of the title of St. Clement, November 27, 1911.

## 2. HARTFORD (1843)

The Diocese of Hartford was erected, by Pope Gregory XVI, November 28, 1843, and originally included Connecticut and Rhode Island. It is now confined to Connecticut, an area of 5,004 square miles. At the time of the erection of the Diocese there were in Connecticut but three resident priests. Now, 1916, there are 406 priests with 232 churches and 118 chapels and stations and a Catholic population of 469,701, more than one-third of the whole.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **William Tyler**, born at Derby, Vermont, June 5, 1806, being a grandson of the Rev. Daniel Barber, whose whole family became Catholic. He was ordained, December 23, 1827, and was consecrated, March 17, 1844. He died, June 18, 1849.

2. The second bishop was the Right Rev. **Bernard O'Reilly**, born in County Longford, Ireland, in 1803, and ordained, October 13, 1831. He was appointed Bishop of Hartford, August 9, 1850, and was consecrated, November 10, 1850. Bishop O'Reilly visited Europe in 1855 and embarked, on his return voyage, January 23, 1856, on the Steamer *Pacific*, which was never heard of afterwards.

3. He was succeeded by the Right Rev. **Francis Patrick McFarland**, born in Pennsylvania, April 16, 1819, and ordained at New York, May 18, 1845. He was consecrated, March 14, 1858, and died, October 12, 1874.

4. The Right Rev. **Thomas Galberry**, O.S.A., born in Ireland in 1833,



and ordained at Philadelphia, December 20, 1856, was President of Villanova College when he was made Bishop of Hartford. He was consecrated, March 19, 1876, and died, October 10, 1878.

5. The Right Rev. **Lawrence S. McMahon**, fifth Bishop of Hartford, was born at St. John's, New Brunswick, December 26, 1835. He was ordained, at Rome, March 24, 1860, was consecrated, August 10, 1879, and died, August 21, 1893.

6. The Right Rev. **Michael Tierney** was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, September 29, 1839, and was ordained at Troy, May 26, 1866. He was consecrated, February 22, 1894, and died, October 5, 1908.

7. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **John Joseph Nilan**, born in Massachusetts in 1854, and ordained, December 21, 1878. He was appointed, February 14, 1910, and was consecrated, April 28, 1910.

### 3. BURLINGTON (1853)

"A chapel not destined to be permanent was erected within the limits of the present State of Vermont as early as 1665, when the *Sieur de la Mothe*, captain in a French regiment, raised Fort St. Anne upon the Isle La Motte. Within the fort was a chapel doubtless dedicated to the Mother of the Blessed Virgin. Here Mass was certainly offered in 1666. The fort was not long maintained, but its ruins are still to be seen. . . . When Pope Pius IX detached Vermont from the Diocese of Boston and erected a See at Burlington, July 14, 1853, there were in the State five priests but no institutions."<sup>11</sup>

There were ten churches. In 1916, Burlington claims 101 priests, and 122 churches and stations and a Catholic population of 84,949.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Louis De Goesbriand**, born in France, August 4, 1816, and ordained at St. Louis, July 30, 1840. He was consecrated, October 30, 1853, and died, November 3, 1899.

2. The Right Rev. **John S. Michaud**, born at Burlington, November 24, 1843, and ordained, June 7, 1873, was consecrated titular Bishop of Modra and Coadjutor of Burlington, June 29, 1892, and became Bishop of Burlington, November 3, 1899. He died, December 22, 1908.

3. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **John Joseph Rice**, born in Massachusetts in 1871, and ordained, September 29, 1894. He was appointed Bishop of Burlington, January 8, 1910, and was consecrated, April 14, 1910.

### 4. PORTLAND (1853)

The Diocese of Portland was erected by Pope Pius IX, July 29, 1853, embracing the States of Maine and New Hampshire.

<sup>11</sup> SHEA, *o. c.*, Vol. iv, pp. 528-30.

The first bishop was not consecrated until 1855, as the Very Rev. Henry B. Coskery of Baltimore declined the appointment offered to him and returned the bulls. These States did not offer a very encouraging field for episcopal labor. New Hampshire excluded Catholics from all high office and it was only after many years that a more liberal policy was adopted. In Maine, Jesuit and Capuchin missionaries had labored and, to this day, there remain in Canada, Catholic Indians, descendants of refugees driven therefrom by later persecutions. The same spirit was still rife in 1853, and churches were burnt and otherwise destroyed as fast as they were built. Father John Bapst, the Jesuit missionary, was tarred and feathered and tortured, so that he never recovered from the effects of his maltreatment. Such was the Diocese of Portland in its beginnings. In 1884, New Hampshire was detached to form the Diocese of Manchester, thus confining the Diocese of Portland to the State of Maine, an area of 29,895 square miles. In 1916, there are 143 priests, 143 churches, 102 stations and chapels and a Catholic population of 131,638.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **David W. Bacon**, born in New York City, September 15, 1815, and ordained, December 13, 1838. He was consecrated Bishop of Portland, April 22, 1855, by Archbishop Hughes. He died, November 5, 1874.

2. His successor was the Right Rev. **James Augustine Healy**, born at Macon, Ga., April 6, 1830, and ordained, June 10, 1854, at Paris. He was appointed Bishop of Portland, February 12, 1875, and was consecrated, June 2, 1875. He died, August 5, 1900.

3. His Eminence **William Cardinal O'Connell** was the third Bishop of Portland. (*See Boston.*)

4. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Louis Sebastian Walsh**, born at Salem, Mass., January 22, 1858, and ordained at Rome, December 23, 1882. He was appointed Bishop of Portland, August 3, 1906, and was consecrated, October 18, 1906.

## 5. SPRINGFIELD (1870)

The Diocese of Springfield was erected, June 23, 1870, by Pope Pius IX and comprises five counties of central and western Massachusetts, with an area of 4,378 square miles, a little over half of the entire State. The foundation of the Church was laid in this region by the Irish immigrants who came about 1826 and later to build canals and railroads and to build and operate factories. The first Church in the territory occupied by the Diocese of Springfield was begun at Worcester in 1834 and the

first resident pastor came in 1841. From this humble beginning, there has grown a Diocese which now has 379 priests, 205 churches, and a Catholic population of 327,468.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Patrick Thomas O'Reilly**, born in County Cavan, Ireland, December 24, 1833, and ordained, August 15, 1857. He was made Bishop of Springfield, June 28, 1870, and was consecrated, September 25, 1870. He died, May 28, 1892.

2. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **Thomas D. Beaven**, born at Springfield, March 1, 1851, and ordained at Montreal, December 18, 1875. He was appointed, August 9, 1892, and was consecrated, October 18, 1892.

#### 6. PROVIDENCE (1872)

The Diocese of Providence, erected by Pope Pius IX, February 17, 1872, embraces the whole State of Rhode Island. It originally included also that portion of southeastern Massachusetts which is now in the Diocese of Fall River. Its area is 1,085 square miles. The first land acquired for church purposes was purchased in Newport, in 1828, and it was only in 1837 that a church was built in Providence. Now there are in the Diocese 225 priests, 108 churches and 45 chapels, with a Catholic population of 275,000, more than half of the whole.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **Thomas Francis Hendricken**, born at Kilkenny, Ireland, May 5, 1827, and ordained in 1851. He was consecrated, April 28, 1872, and died, June 11, 1886.

2. The present bishop, the Right Rev. **Matthew Harkins**, was born at Boston, November 17, 1845, and was ordained at Paris in 1869. He was appointed Bishop of Providence, February 11, 1887.

The Right Rev. Thomas F. Doran was appointed titular Bishop of Halicarnassus and Auxiliary of Providence, February 26, 1915, and was consecrated, April 28, 1915. He died January 3, 1916.

#### 7. MANCHESTER (1884)

The State of New Hampshire was detached from the Diocese of Portland and was erected into the Diocese of Manchester by Pope Leo XIII, May 4, 1884, with an area of 9,305 square miles. The first priest to be permanently located in New Hampshire was the Rev. Virgil Barber, whom Bishop Cheverus in 1822 sent to Claremont, his native town, there to form the first Catholic parish in the State. Eight years later a small church was built at Dover.<sup>12</sup> In 1915, the Diocese of Manchester has 143

<sup>12</sup> *Cath. Encyc.* vol. x, p. 787.

priests, 108 churches and 61 chapels and stations, with a Catholic population of 134,000.

1. The first Bishop of Manchester was the Right Rev. **Denis M. Bradley**, born in Ireland, February 23, 1846, and ordained, June 3, 1871. He was consecrated, June 11, 1884, and died, December 13, 1903.

2. The second bishop was the Right Rev. **John Bernard Delaney**, born at Lowell, Mass., August 9, 1864, and ordained, May 23, 1891. He was consecrated, September 8, 1904, and died, June 11, 1906.

3. The present bishop is the Right Rev. **George Albert Guertin**, born at Nashua, New Hampshire, February 17, 1869. He was appointed Bishop of Manchester, January 2, 1907, and was consecrated, March 19, 1907.

### 8. FALL RIVER (1904)

The Diocese of Fall River, erected March 12, 1904, comprises several counties and towns of southeastern Massachusetts, which had until that time formed a part of the Diocese of Providence. It has an area of 1,194 square miles. It has the distinction of being the first Diocese erected by the late Pope, Pius X. It has 162 priests and 91 churches and a Catholic population of 173,366.

1. The first bishop was the Right Rev. **William Stang**, born in Germany in 1854, and ordained, at Louvain, in 1878. He was appointed Bishop of Fall River, March 12, 1904, and was consecrated, May 1, 1904. He died, February 2, 1907.

2. The present bishop, the Right Rev. **Daniel Francis Feehan**, was born at Athol, Mass., September 24, 1855. He was made Bishop of Fall River, July 2, 1907, and was consecrated, September 19, 1907.

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